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AMENDMENT IN G TELECOM POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has amended the Third Generation (3G) telecom policy recently in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has issued the guidelines to obtain the licence to run 3G spectrum; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

Subsequent to release of the detailed guidelines for auction and allotment of spectrum for 3G Telecom Services on 01.08.08, clarifications/Amendments to these Guidelines were issued on 11.09.08 by the Government based on the queries and feedbacks received from various sources with regard to eligibility for bidding for 3G spectrum, amount of spectrum, merger and acquisitions and spectrum usage charges. The amendments to the guidelines are placed at Annexure.

The spectrum for 3G would be allotted through a controlled, simultaneous ascending e-auction.